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SHORT SUMMARIES OF INFORMATION CONCERNING SEVERAL
INDIVIDUALS RECENTLY IDENTIFIED AS BEING INVOLVED
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✓ SCARBECK, Irvin Chambers []

Irvin Chambers SCARBECK, a former second secretary of the U. S. Embassy at Warsaw, Poland, from late 1958 until late spring 1961, was arrested by the FBI on 14 June 1961 at Washington, D. C., on charges of passing classified information to an agent of the Government of Communist Poland. The Polish Intelligence Service, which caught and photographed SCARBECK and his mistress, Ursula DISCHER, in a compromising situation, blackmailed SCARBECK to the point where he turned over information from three documents. PIS, through placing the pressure upon DISCHER the object of SCARBECK's affections, succeeded in controlling SCARBECK for their purposes.

✓ VASSALL, William John Christopher []

VASSALL has been sentenced to 13 years in prison in England for violation of the Official Secrets Act. He was employed by the British Admiralty Office until the time of his arrest by the British authorities in September 1962. VASSALL, a homosexual, was compromised by the Soviets in 1955 while in Moscow, left Moscow in 1957 and cooperated with the KGB until his arrest in September 1962 although for a period of approximately 16 months after early 1961 VASSALL was "put on ice" by the Soviets presumably as a result of the arrests by British authorities in the LONSDALE case.

✓ LONSDALE, Gordon []

LONSDALE was a Soviet citizen who was in England as a KGB illegal agent. He was arrested in early 1961 and is currently serving a prison term. The espionage net of LONSDALE included Morris COHEN and wife Lona COHEN (then known as Peter John KROGER and Helen KROGER) and two British citizens, Henry Frederick NORMANSON and Ethel Elizabeth GEE, who were employed by the British Admiralty Office. All of the foregoing individuals

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are in prison and it is interesting to note that Morris COHEN and Lona COHEN are United States citizens who were involved in Communist activities and were suspected of involvement in Soviet espionage activities while in the United States. Both Morris COHEN and Lona COHEN disappeared from the United States in approximately 1950 and nothing was known concerning their whereabouts until after the arrest of "Peter John KROGER and Helen KROGER" in England.

✓ BLAKE, George Prob ☐ ☐ try #

George BLAKE was employed by MI-6 until his arrest in 1961. He is currently in prison in England under sentence of 42 years. BLAKE was interned by the North Koreans when Seoul, Korea, was invaded by the North Koreans, and during internment BLAKE agreed to work for the Soviets. His active cooperation with the KGB extended from 1953 until his arrest by the British authorities.

✓ FELFE, Heinz ☐ ☐

Heinz FELFE aka Heinrich Sander FELFE, RND official in West Germany since 1950, was arrested in 1961 by German authorities. FELFE has admitted being recruited by the KGB in 1950 and as working for the KGB from that time until his arrest. Also arrested at approximately the same time as FELFE was Hans Max CLEMENS, another RND official who was also involved in Soviet espionage activities with FELFE.

✓ FELL, Barbara Janet Hunter ☐ ☐

FELL, who was Acting Controller at the Central Office of Information, was recently arrested in London for violation of the Official Secrets Act. Charges are that during several periods in 1960-1961 FELL loaned certain confidential British Foreign Office documents to Smiljan PECJAK, former Press Counsellor at the Yugoslavian Embassy in London. FELL, who apparently met PECJAK in 1958, has admitted having an affair with PECJAK, claims she considered PECJAK somewhat pro-Western and that she furnished the documents to PECJAK because she felt they would help convert him to a "pro-Western attitude." PECJAK returned to Yugoslavia in late 1961. FELL had been employed by the Central Office of Information since 1959 and at the time of resignation following arrest, was a senior member of the organization with a salary of 3,000 pounds per year.